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- High poverty rate blamed for causing low grades {page 02}

Philly's health is in the gutter

▶ From prominence of fast-food chains to high rates of sexually transmitted deceases, the city rates poorly compared to the rest of Pennsylvania.

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The president is back on the campaign trail

- Obama ripped into his GOP rivals yesterday, calling their budget plan a 'Trojan horse' of 'social Darwinism' {page 09}

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Billy Zane says you might actually like him better after seeing him in 3-D {page 14}

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Delco man charged for child porn horde

A 57-year-old Delaware County man who allegedly collected a "record" amount of child pornography has been charged with hundreds of counts of possession.

Nicholas J. Carrallo, of Marple Township, was arrested March 29 following an investigation by the Delaware County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Investigators allegedly saw an explicit image on a file-sharing program and traced it back to Carrallo's computer.

Authorities claim Carrallo admitted to collecting child pornography for the last four years and having images as young as infants. He told them he had two terabyte hard drives of photos and video and multiple CDs.

Carrallo is charged with three counts of dissemination of child pornography, 500 counts of hundreds of possession of child pornography, and 501 counts of criminal use of a communication facility, all third-degree felonies. He is also charged with three counts of selling obscene/sexual materials, a misdemeanor.

He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Robert D'Agostino and released after posting $50,000 bail. METRO/SDL

690
Videos allegedly found when investigators scanned the hard drives

525 Investigators also allegedly uncovered quite a few still images with similar illegal graphic content

In the news

TSA seizures now available for sale in bulk

The state Department of General Services began auctioning off items seized by the Transportation Security Administration or left behind by passengers at airports in the Mid-Atlantic region yesterday. For sale yesterday were upwards of 19 pounds of pocket knives, 18 pounds of belts, 15 pounds of plastic handled scissors and 12 pairs of RayBan sunglasses.

In the news

Welcome, Your Highness

Queen Elizabeth II's youngest son, Prince Edward, will visit Philadelphia later this month, Mayor Michael Nutter's office announced yesterday. The prince will be in town April 26 and 27 to support the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a youth development program launched in Philadelphia three years ago.

▶ It's for walking.

Drunk drives on boardwalk

ATLANTIC CITY. Police said a Staten Island man drunkenly drove down the city's boardwalk Monday afternoon, injuring a passenger who bailed from the vehicle and narrowly missing several officers, The Associated Press reported yesterday.

Twenty-eight-year-old John Thompson is facing DUI and assault charges after he allegedly took a joyride down the boardwalk around 12:30 p.m., leading police on a pursuit. Thompson hit several parked cars and nearly struck two cop cruisers, according to the report. METRO/AW

Mumia loses last appeal

PHILADELPHIA. After nearly 30 years of appeals, controversial former death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal has lost his last legal challenge, The Associated Press reported yesterday.

The state Supreme Court upheld a lower court's rejection of a claim surrounding forensic evidence on March 26.

Abu-Jamal was found guilty in 1982 of fatally shooting Philadelphia police Officer Daniel Faulkner. METRO/AW

Report: Poverty blamed for our unhealthy living

Philadelphia County easily most unhealthy in Pa. Results unfair, says city's top health official, adding that well-being is directly related to poverty

PAIGE OZAROSKI/METRO

▶ One in four Philadelphians smoke cigarettes.

Though Philadelphia has long been known for its vices from obesity to crime, a recent study deeming it the unhealthiest county in the entire state paints an even bleaker portrait of the city.

The health rankings released yesterday by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation puts Philadelphia at 67 out of 67 counties in Pennsylvania, ranking the worst in nearly every area from violent crime to sexually transmitted diseases.

"A big part of the study is to show people where you live matters to your health," said University of Wisconsin outreach specialist Kate Konkle. "We often tend to see larger cities ranked lower because there's a larger concentration of people living in poverty and we know lower incomes and lower levels of education are really strong predictors of poor health."

Philadelphia's high school graduation rate is 51 percent compared to 79 percent in the rest of the state and 36 percent of the city's children live in poverty as opposed to 19 percent in Pennsylvania overall.

Konkle said that the study weighs social and economic factors most heavily to reflect the impact a person's quality of life has on their physical health.

For instance, though Philadelphia's ratio of primary care physicians to patients was respectable — 742 doctors per person versus 631 in the nation overall — other factors dragged the city's ratings down.

"Health care is one small part of people's health and I think that's another strong message we want to get across, that just having doctors in your community doesn't make you a healthy person," Konkle said. "We want people to be healthy and not rely on health care to fix problems once they come up."

Konkle said that having access to nutritious foods, safe places to play outside and well-paying jobs are important contributors to lower stress levels, which in turn lead to better health outcomes.

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By the numbers

21
Percent in poor or fair health, compared to national benchmark of 10 percent.

55
Percent of Philadelphia restaurants that are fast-food vendors.

1,251
Sexually transmitted diseases per 100,000 Philadelphians compared to national benchmark of 84.

1,382
Violent crimes per 100,000 residents to 73 at benchmark.

Healthy 'burbs

Several surrounding suburbs fared much better than Philadelphia in the rankings.

- Chester County weighed in as the third healthiest county and Montgomery and Bucks counties were rated fifth and sixth, respectively.
- But Deputy Mayor for Health Donald Schwartz said the statewide comparison is unfair. "This the third year in the row they've done the report and we've been the lowest. We're the poorest county in Pennsylvania. The strongest predictor for health is poverty, followed by education and unemployment, so it's not surprising."
- "One thing that's a little frustrating is we're not compared to other large urban counties and there is no way, based on how the report is done, to compare large urban counties. It isn't surprising that large urban counties in general have poor health."

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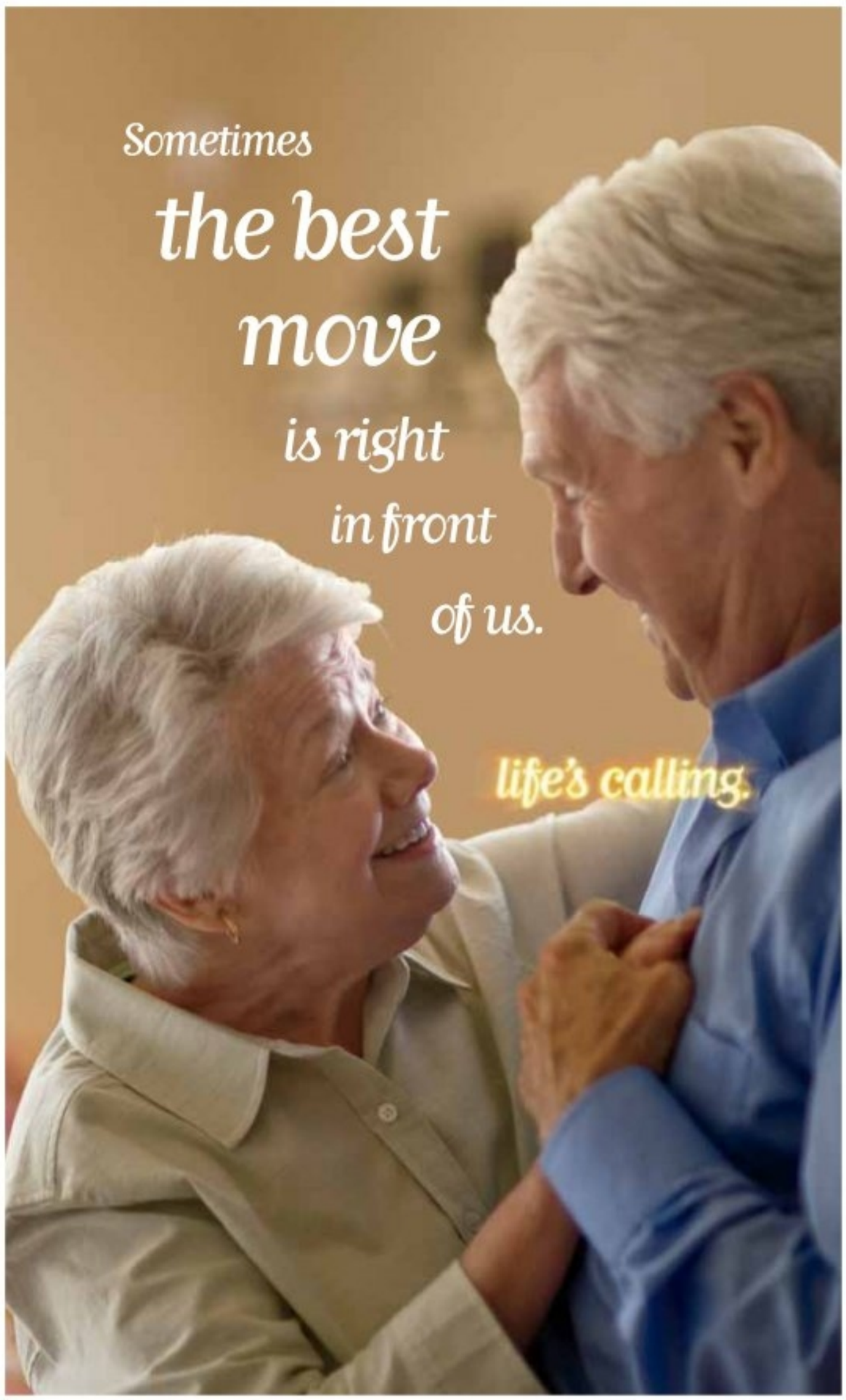

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Eating just $5 of food daily to support poor

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▶ U.S. Rep. Bob Brady will also take part in the $5 per day awareness campaign.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger are asking area residents during the week of April 23 to live on $5 a day, which is the average food stamp benefit in Pennsylvania.

The "Food Stamp Challenge" is to raise awareness about proposed changes to Pennsylvania's food stamp program that would eliminate eligibility to those that have assets of more than $5,500 — $9,000 for seniors — on May 1.

One high-profile participant in the challenge will be U.S. Rep. Bob Brady, D-Philadelphia, whose congressional district is the second-poorest in the entire country.

"I want to demonstrate just how hard it is for struggling families to feed their families day after day," Brady said. "I know that $5 a day isn't enough for 3 square meals. I'm going to try to make it stretch, but I don't think $35 will be enough for a week's worth of meals that are healthy and nutritious and not just filling."

The federation's CEO Ira Stone said "strong participation in this grassroots initiative will help draw public attention to the importance of food stamps to the nearly 180,000 Philadelphians who currently qualify for this life-saving benefit."

Julie Zaebst, of the Greater Philadelphia Coalition against Hunger, said the challenge will be a learning lesson for many.

LAURA GOLDMAN

Quoted

"Assets testing will unfairly penalize those ... who rely on food stamps for their health and well-being and it punishes people for saving — a sure way to climb out of poverty."

IRA STONE, CEO OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION

News in brief

Poll: Santorum ahead in Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA. A Quinnipiac University Poll released yesterday showed Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum leads front-runner Mitt Romney among likely primary voters in the the Keystone State, 41 to 35 percent.

The poll, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points, was done March 27 to April 1.

Santorum, 53, planned to spend yesterday fundraising in Austin, Texas, before flying to his home state of Pennsylvania for an election night rally, campaign manager Mike Biundo said.

With about half the Republican nominating contests complete, Romney has exactly half — 572 — of the 1,144 delegates needed to capture the nomination, according to an Associated Press tally. Santorum has 273 delegates and would need to win about three-fourths of those remaining. **REUTERS**

Former charter school chief guilty

MOUNT AIRY. A former charter school president pleaded guilty yesterday to charges that he used money from the school to pay for other business and personal expenses.

Hugh Clark, 65, of Philadelphia, was board president of New Media Technology Charter School. He and co-defendant Ina Walker, then-CEO, took roughly $522,000 from the high school. Clark pleaded guilty to conspiracy, wire fraud, bank fraud and theft from a federally funded program. Walker pleaded guilty in January. Clark's sentencing is scheduled for July. **METRO**

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Vick dons new, slightly altered jersey

The National Football League has ended its contract with Reebok, turning to its competitor in the athletic sneaker department, Nike, for its uniform designs.

Designs for all 32 teams were on display yesterday.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick, who has a lucrative contract with Nike, not surprisingly expressed his support for the updated uniforms.

"We'll feel good and we'll play good, and I'm very excited for the Nike brand," Vick told the NFL Network. Vick is not new to Nike uniform, having worn the brand during his time in college at Virginia Tech.

Players from each NFL team modeled them for their respective franchises. Victor Cruz from the Super Bowl winning New York Giants, Champ Bailey for the now Tebow-less Denver Broncos, Andre Johnson for the Houston Texans are among the 32 players who posed.

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March slots revenue sets state record

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Pennsylvania's 11 casinos generated a record high $233 million from slot machines in March, the state gaming board announced.

The slots revenue was up from the previous high of $218 million in July 2011 and 8.5 percent higher than March 2011. The figures include two nights of testing and one day of operation at the newly-opened Valley Forge Casino Resort.

Even with the new casino, the average number of slot machines was down from a year ago, meaning the record month was likely a result of larger crowds.

Philadelphia's lone casino, SugarHouse, experienced a 25 percent spike in slots revenue from a year ago, which accounted for the biggest increase in the state. SugarHouse's $18.7 million ranked eighth overall, while Parx Casino in Bensalem once again paced the state's gambling halls with $37 million.

The casinos generated $126 million in tax revenue for Pennsylvania. In most of the state the money will be used to lower property taxes, but Philadelphia residents will see a reduction in city wage taxes.

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Rank of Parx Casino in Bucks County among Pennsylvania's 11 casinos for slot machine revenue last month. The casino has also become a popular destination for poker players.

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Crime. Recovered bikes

▶ This gloriously gaudy two-wheeler is among some 70 stolen bicycles police recovered.

Cops show off stolen bike cache

Those who believe one of their bicycles may be among the large haul uncovered during an animal fighting ring late last month can now go to YouTube to see photos of each bike in possession of the Philadelphia police. Search "major crimes recovered bikes." METRO

‘Apple fever’ has analysts predicting $1T valuation

Apple Inc. rose to a record after two analysts said the stock could surge past $1,000 a share, putting the maker of the iPhone on a path toward becoming the first $1 trillion company.

Apple, already the world’s most valuable company, climbed 1.6 percent to $628.45 yesterday afternoon and earlier touched $632.21 after analysts from Piper Jaffray Cos. and Topeka Capital Markets said demand for the iPhone and iPad, growth in China and the potential debut of a new television product would propel shares.

“Apple fever is spreading like a wildfire around the world,” Brian White, the Topeka analyst, said in a report that initiated coverage of the company with a buy recommendation.

White’s new 12-month target of $1,001 is the highest among the 45 analysts tracked by Bloomberg and represents a 62 percent increase over yesterday’s closing price. He said Apple’s market value will eventually top $1 trillion.

Gene Munster, the Piper Jaffray analyst, said a prolonged stock surge will be boosted by the introduction of a new iPhone.

“Shares can reach $1,000 based on our belief that Apple will continue to win in global mobile devices,” Munster said, predicting that the stock can reach $1,000 in 2014. At $1,000 a share, Apple’s market capitalization would be $932.4 billion. **BLOOMBERG**

Coming up

Apple will debut a TV within a year, White predicted. And the company plans to release an upgraded iPhone that works with speedier wireless networks, he said.

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▶ More than 3 million new iPads have been sold since the device’s release last month.

Jobs’ death played a role

Some of the boost in Apple stock results from the relatively seamless management transition since the death of co-founder Steve Jobs, White said. The stock has risen more than 60 percent since he died in October. Tim Cook had assumed the role of chief executive officer from Jobs in the previous August.

“Steve Jobs’ health was such a fear that was hanging over the stock,” White said in an interview. “Now you’ve seen that Tim Cook is doing a good job.” **REUTERS**

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▶ GM had a 12 percent gain in March.

Car sales surge with confidence

WASHINGTON. Auto sales rose more than 15 percent in March, preliminary data showed, as rising consumer confidence and cheap financing quickened the pace of a sluggish recovery more than two years in the making.

The strong March sales rounded out the best quarter for vehicle sales since 2008 and raised the prospect that major automakers would have to scramble to boost production and lift cautious full-year sales forecasts. **REUTERS**

In limbo, foreclosed homes to hit the market

WASHINGTON. As many as 1.25 million of America’s least-cared-for homes are headed for auction after a yearlong probe into foreclosure practices kept them off the market.

Sales of repossessed properties probably will rise 25 percent this year from 1 million in 2011, according to Moody’s Analytics Inc. Prices for the homes could drop as much as 10 percent because they deteriorated as they were held in reserve during investigations by state officials resolved in February, according to RealtyTrac Inc. That month, 43 percent of foreclosures were delinquent for two or more years, from a 21 percent share in 2010, according to Lender Processing Services Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla. **BLOOMBERG**

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Suspected shooter at Oakland college targeted administrator, classmates

An ex-student suspected of opening fire at a small Christian college in California, killing seven people and wounding three, was targeting a school administrator and former classmates who he felt had treated him unfairly, police said yesterday.

Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan said at a news conference that One Goh, 43, who had been expelled from Oikos University, had been cooperative after being taken into custody but "not particularly remorseful."

"We know that he came here with the intent of locating an administrator and she was not here," Jordan said. "He then went through the entire building systematically and randomly shooting victims."

"We know that he came here with the intent of locating an administrator and she was not here."
OAKLAND POLICE CHIEF HOWARD JORDAN

The midmorning attack at Oikos was the deadliest shooting rampage on a U.S. college campus since 32 people were killed by a student at Virginia Tech University in April 2007.

The three wounded victims had all been released from Highland Memorial Hospital in Oakland by midmorning yesterday.

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▶ Police officers carry the body of a victim after the shootings at a private religious college.

News in brief

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Romney focuses on Obama as Santorum goes bowling

WAUKESHA, WIS . The leading rivals for the Republican nomination campaigned yesterday before Wisconsin's primary polls close with different missions: Mitt Romney focused on President Barack Obama and November's general election while Rick Santorum tried to stay viable.

Romney didn't mention Santorum as he expressed increasing confidence that he will claim his party's nomination. Favored to win today's other primaries in Maryland and Washington, D.C., Romney is counting on a victory in Wisconsin to intensify pressure on Santorum to end his candidacy. **BLOOMBERG**

James Murdoch quits BSkyB

LONDON. James Murdoch resigned as chairman of BSkyB yesterday to prevent his links to a phone-hacking scandal that has convulsed his father Rupert's media empire undermining the pay TV group, whose broadcast licence is under scrutiny in Britain.

"I am aware that my role as chairman could become a lightning rod for BSkyB and I believe that my resignation will help to ensure that there is no false conflation with events at a separate organization." **REUTERS**

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Note on 'bias'

Being political editorialists, we are particularly prone to all manner of nasty accusations. One of the worst insults hurled our direction by confused readers is that we are "Obama shills," that we disseminate biased falsehoods based solely on perceived political gains for our president. This is just untrue: Categorizing critique of one party's extreme wrongheadedness as an endorsement of any other is, as Mr. Obama might say, a false equivalency.

Does disdain for Republicans signal support for Democrats? Of course not. Can one fear both bears and nuclear-armed bears? We'd say that's an imperative.

We happen to think that Obama is a phony; that he's full of empty promises; that his policies will undermine U.S. freedom and economic prosperity for years to come.

And that his GOP rivals, if given half a chance, would only do much, much worse.

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▶ President Obama took aim at Republican ideals like trickle-down economics, deregulation and austerity.

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Obama the campaigner

President Obama entered full-on campaign mode yesterday, responding to Republican budget priorities with a big speech full of feisty rhetoric framing political dysfunction in Washington as a function of radical GOP intransigence.

Addressing last week's Paul Ryan budget proposal, Obama argued that blame for the gap between the two parties is due to the rapid rightward extremism of the Republican party.

"They have proposed a budget so far to the right it makes the Contract for America look like the New Deal," he said. "In fact, that renowned liberal, Newt Gingrich, first called the original version of the budget radical. He said it would contribute to right-wing social engineering. ... This is now the party's governing platform."

"Disguised as a deficit reduction plan, it's really an attempt to impose a radical vision on our country. It's nothing but thinly veiled social Darwinism." OBAMA

Obama drew a contrast not just between Republicans and Democrats, but also with the Republican party of today and that of years past, accusing modern conservatives of an eagerness to cut social programs while completely refusing any possibility of increased tax revenues on the nation's most wealthy.

"For generations, nearly all of these investments [social programs like Social Security and unemployment insurance] ... have been supported by people in both parties," Obama intoned. But no longer: "Instead of moderating their views even slightly, the Republicans running Congress right now have doubled down."

Clearly the president hopes voters buy into his message and do some doubling down of their own.

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Danny DeVito is driving eco-activism

After starring in eco-themed animated movie 'The Lorax,' Danny DeVito is now literally on a roll, chatting with gusto about eco-friendly driving

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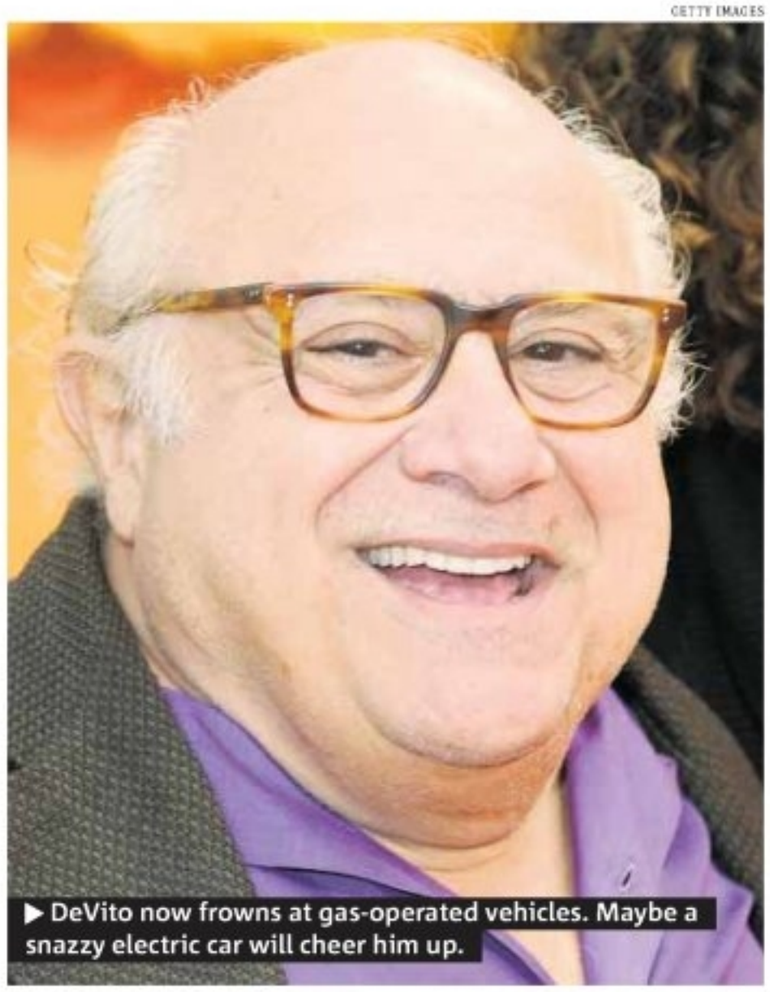

▶ DeVito now frowns at gas-operated vehicles. Maybe a snazzy electric car will cheer him up.

Danny DeVito takes keeping green seriously. "We do a lot stuff, like there's no bottled water in our house, and there's no paper towels and there's no napkins — it's all cloth," the actor says.

"The idea is it's a little bit more work but it pays off in the environment in the end. We also use recycled toilet paper because I don't know what else to ... operate that function with."

DeVito's eco thinking may have helped him get into character for his role in animation "The Lorax", based on a Dr. Seuss' classic fable about saving the environment.

But one thing is clear: He's a car junkie with an eye for nature, claiming to be one of the first in his area to get the first mass-produced electric car, the EV1 — or at least get it as a present from wife Rhea Perlman.

And he's become something of an expert on zero-emissions vehicles. "Last month I bought a [Nissan] Leaf. I don't have any cars that are gas-guzzlers now in my entire family," says DeVito. "There's a Chevy Volt out now that has a 40-mile range on the electricity, and then the rest you can travel on gas. But I wanted to go all electric."

The Leaf, he says, is "a fantastic car. You plug it in at night — and there's a timer on it so you can actually have it not use electricity until after the prices come down, if you want to save pennies. You plug it in and you get at least 80 miles of charge. It drives on the freeway, it's fast. And quiet as can be. Your music sounds like you've never heard it before in your life in the car because it's, like, pure."

Lest he be mistaken for a Nissan pitch man, DeVito makes it clear he's a booster of electric cars in general. "I'm just hoping that everybody goes out and explores. If you're going to buy a new car and you have a car already, explore the possibility of getting a car with zero emissions, because I think it's a great thing," he says.

"The Tesla's a beautiful car, but it's $100,000. Who's going to buy that car? Not me. I'm not like that kind of person who'll spend $100,000 on a car. If it gets to the point where it's reasonable for everybody — like I could see my friends who are working actors who are not big stars maybe affording a $30,000 car. It's not unreasonable. It's not that bad these days."

"You plug it in and you get at least 80 miles of charge. It drives on the freeway, it's fast."
DANNY DEVITO, ON HIS NISSAN LEAF

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Levi Johnston strikes again

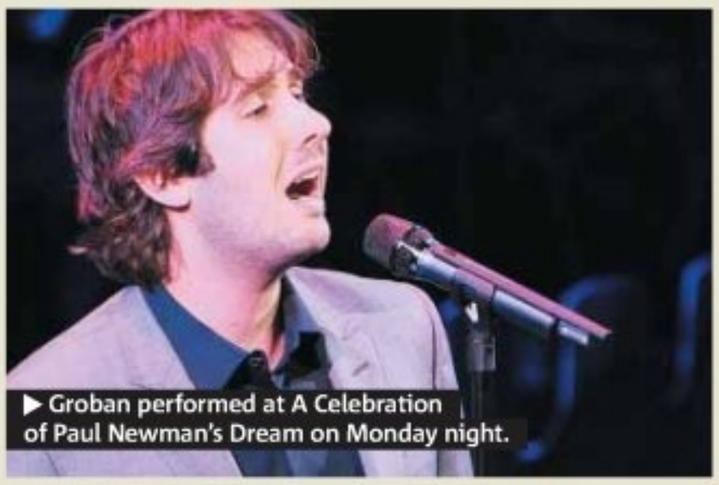
Johnston's johnson strikes again!

Levi Johnston, a high-school dropout who is famous for knocking up someone kind of famous from an infamous political family, is using his super sperm to get back into the news (and menstrual) cycle: It was announced yesterday that the 21-year-old is expecting a baby with his Wasilla, Ala., schoolteacher girlfriend, **Sunny Oglesby**, 20. She is allegedly three months pregnant.

TMZ.com reports that Johnston is "so excited" about having a new baby out of wedlock since **Bristol Palin** (along with her mom and dad) hasn't been too accommodating about him seeing his son **Tripp**.

I know Alaska is remote, but if **Sarah Palin** could see Russia from her house, how hard could it be for Johnston to spot a stack of Trojans at the Rite Aid?

Singing camp songs with Josh Groban



▶ Groban performed at A Celebration of Paul Newman's Dream on Monday night.

The stars came out for A Celebration of **Paul Newman**'s Dream on Monday night at New York City's Lincoln Center to pay tribute to the late actor and his SeriousFun Children's Network, which sends sick children around the world to summer camp. Though performer **Trisha Yearwood** told us she had never spent her summers by the campfire, and **Elvis Costello** didn't take part across the pond ("They didn't have them in England. They barely had tent pegs," he said), we did get to hear about singer **Josh Groban**'s warm weather adventures.

"One of the reasons I'm here tonight is because my summer camp experience was so awesome," he told Metro. "One was in Maine and one was in Michigan. [One] was called Interlochen and the other one was called Camp Winona. I canoed and I did archery and I sang; I was in theater there. It was just great."

But Groban's just being humble. That would be the famed Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan he's referring to, which is kind of like the summer camp version of Juilliard. So even as a boy, he was melting the hearts of people everywhere with that voice of his. — *With additional reporting by Meredith Engel*

Talking points

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▶ Rihanna wants to portray Whitney Houston in a biopic about the late singer.

Brand gives it all to Perry

Russell Brand was apparently serious when he said he didn't want anything from **Katy Perry** in their divorce, as the British comedian has reportedly given Perry all the rights to the $6.5 million Hollywood Hills home they purchased while married, according to TMZ. "It's all part of the property settlement agreed between Russell and Katy," a source says. Perry and Brand snatched up the eight-bedroom, nine-bathroom home six months before Brand filed for divorce. They had no signed prenuptial agreement.

Kutcher fights with Bieber over home

Ashton Kutcher has been enjoying his rented Hollywood Hills bachelor pad so much that he decided to buy it, according to TMZ. So what spurred the sudden decision? Competition from **Justin Bieber**, who was reportedly eyeing the $10.8 million property. "I had to buy the house, because I thought he was going to buy it out from under me," Kutcher joked during an interview with **Jimmy Kimmel**. "I was like, 'I don't want to lose this house.' He forced me to buy a house."

Winfrey can admit when she's wrong

Oprah Winfrey admits she's made some mistakes in the early days of her new TV network, OWN. "Had I known that it was this difficult, I might have done something else," Winfrey said in an interview with the CBS "Early Show" this week. "I didn't think it was going to be easy — but if I knew then what I know now, I might have made different choices. If I were writing a book about it, I could call the book '101 Mistakes.'" So what would Winfrey do differently, knowing what she knows now? "I would have probably waited until I actually finished 'The Oprah Show,'" she says.

Rihanna to tackle Houston?

Rihanna has her sights set on the role of a lifetime: playing **Whitney Houston** in a biopic about the late singer. "That would be something that I would have to give my entire life to do, because I would really want to pull it off," she tells the Press Association. "My first song that I remember falling in love with was a Whitney Houston song: 'I Will Always Love You.' It was really inspiring, and it made me develop a passion for music. So really, she's partly responsible for me being here in this industry." Of course, first there needs to be a movie to star in, and while producer **Clive Davis** was reportedly putting one together, his rep has shot down that rumor, saying, "There is no truth to this."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Neil Patrick Harris has a ridiculous amount of Twitter followers, Chris Colfer is a hazard in the kitchen, Oprah Winfrey thinks you should calm down and Sarah Silverman is learning a thing or two.

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I wanna give my 3 millionth (!) follower something cool. How would one quantify that? Is there some sort of log?

@chriscolfer
When I cook it's pretty dangerous...

@Oprah
Anyone tried meditation? Keeps the peace inside yourself.

@SarahKSilverman
Adele's taught us that u don't have to be skinny to be a music star- u just have to be the most beautiful woman in the world ever.

Winfrey

Girls with mics — and a man in a tie

1. Santigold (check out her crown!) opened for the Red Hot Chili Peppers at BankAtlantic Center on Monday in Sunrise, Fla.

2. Kylie Minogue rocked the opening night of her Anti-Tour U.K. tour at Manchester Academy on Sunday in Manchester.

3. Megalyn Echikunwoke attended the after-party for the screening of "Damsels in Distress" at the Soho Grand Hotel on Monday in New York City.

4. Former NBA star **Shaquille O'Neal** attended the 24th annual Evening of the Stars gala at the Prudential Center on Monday in Newark, N.J.

5. Rihanna attended the "Battleship" press conference on the USS George Washington on Monday in Yokosuka, Japan. The film will open on April 13 in Japan.

6. Kate Bosworth attended the premiere of "Life Happens" on Monday in Century City, Calif.

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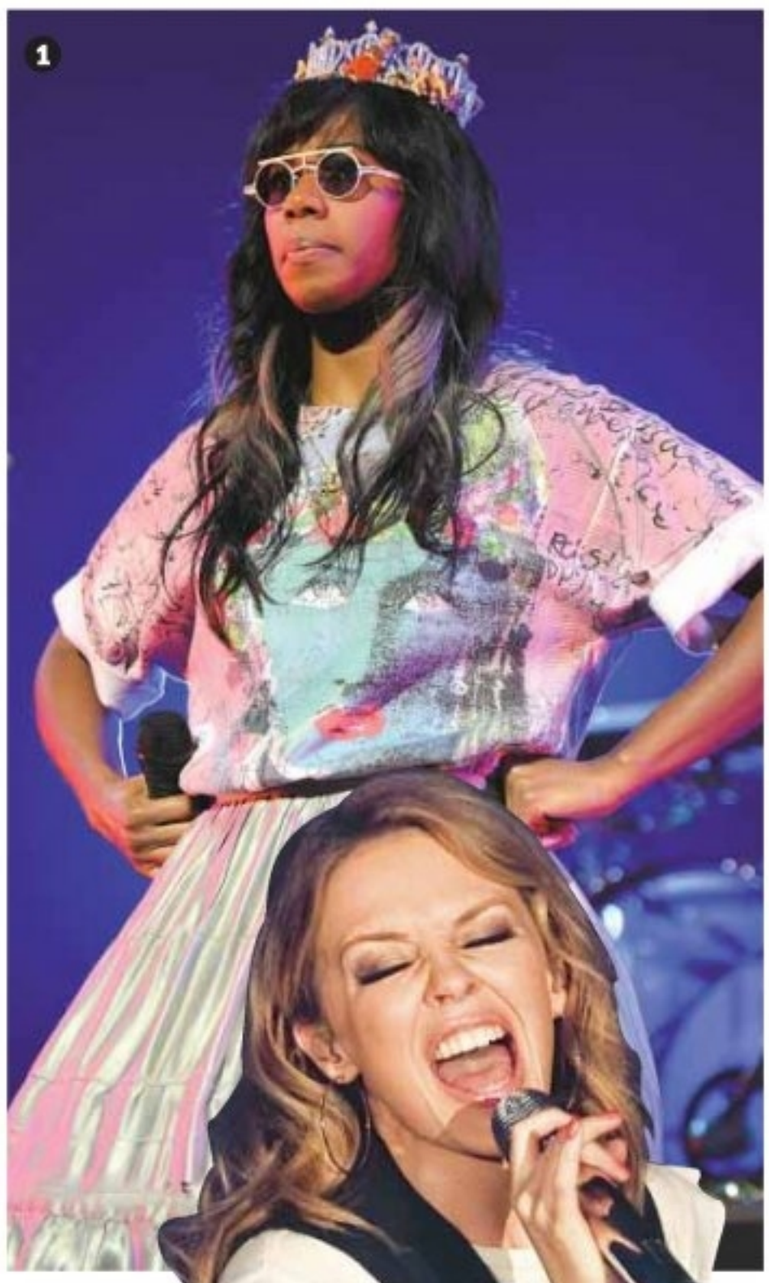

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YOU ARE WHAT YOU SING

- Of Monsters and Men sing of monsters and men
- Icelandic band just wants to have fun
- Group had no idea how influential a KEXP performance would be

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▶ Of Monsters and Men play the TLA tonight at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit www.livenation.com.

For a country with half the population of Center City, Iceland sure has a diverse music scene.

Of Monsters and Men, the latest export from the Nordic nation, were one of the most talked about bands at last month's SXSW. The sextet from Rejkyavik hit the U.S. airwaves running when they performed their hit single "Little Talks" on Seattle radio station KEXP during Iceland Airwaves, their premiere music festival.

"We didn't know what radio station it was. They came to my apartment [to record]. We definitely didn't think it would turn out so big," says co-singer/guitarist Ragnar Þórhallsson.

Since then, the orchestral indie pop song has nearly a million plays on YouTube.

The name Of Monsters and Men refers to the topics of their songs, which range from, well, monsters to men.

"'Jurassic Park' was my favorite film as a child. You grow up listening to a lot of Icelandic fantasy stories," says Þórhallsson. "That plays a part in what we're doing."

The group of friends channel the energy of contemporary folk rock groups such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros and Mumford & Sons.

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group — everyone is singing along and having fun," says Þórhallsson.

Their infectious energy has crossed international borders, playing into ecstatic American crowds.

"Americans are very open and welcoming in every city. They want to meet us and shake our hands. It's different from Iceland, where everyone is closed. … And we don't let anyone in," Þórhallsson observes.

On the record

Of Monsters and Men's collaborative spirit, which is embraced in the songwriting process as well as the live show, has since paid dividends as they release their debut album "Head is an Animal" on Universal Republic.

- "We have all of the freedom in the world [at Universal]. We can do what we want to do," says Þórhallsson.
- With their enthusiastic spirit apparent in the live and recorded setting, it's only surprising they didn't break out sooner.

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'Titanic' sets sail in 3-D

It's been 15 years since "Titanic" reduced us all to sobbing wrecks and smashed box-office records. Today, James Cameron's classic is being reissued in eye-popping 3-D, and we caught up with its sharp-suited villain Cal Hockley, also known as actor Billy Zane.

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▶ Zane

How did the original "Titanic" change your life?
It was an incredible calling card. "Titanic" was an invitation to the tables of sovereign leaders for whatever you wanted to leverage, in my case charities. It was a game-changer, and a great honor to be canonized in the pantheon of significant movies.

Having played such a villain, are you worried about a new wave of unpopularity with the 3-D release?
Oh, been there, done that, I'm well versed from the first time. There's actually been a new perspective on Cal. Perhaps revisiting the movie has helped people see him through a different lens and have more sympathy.

You're not experiencing hostility?
Men say I was terrible and women are in two camps: The ones who were swept up in Leo-mania and can't believe I was in the way of true love, and the slyer ones with an appetite for jewelry who thought Rose was mad to leave Cal.

The burden of the era was placed upon him too; he had a lot to manage. Collectively, we were always analyzing — looking for opportunities to disarm the audience.

Would you have liked anything about living in 1912?
Life before cell phones! Also, the lost art of craftsmanship. I miss things being well made. Architecture and craftsmanship standards in general have fallen.

How do you and the ocean get along?
I forged my career at sea in "Dead Calm," where I played a nutter on a boat. I do well at sea, the boats just got bigger. In real life? It makes it very hard to charter one.

What will audiences get out of this "Titanic" reissue?
It depends what audience. Most have seen film before, so they're going in with comforting expectation. It's much like seeing an anthem band from the 1980s; waiting for the big hit, fired up nostalgically for when the first chord hits and you're transported to a time and place. The device of 3-D allows the filmmaker to keep the audience off-balance — it's an unpredictable space that allows heartstrings to be manipulated.

It's easy to forget this is all based on a historic tragedy. How has all this affected you?

▶ Zane and Kate Winslet in the original "Titanic." The 3-D version of the film hits theaters today.

More so than before. I saw a segment of the voyage I had never seen before. While watching it I had a very uneasy feeling. For the original, the tragedy hadn't hit me. We were always caught up in the artifice of film. Now it's different, I feel the weight.

Does a real man make his own luck?
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The city's your stage

- New Fairmount Park public art series kicks off with a dance lesson
- Urban Tango instructor Mark Hussner on how to look the part

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▶ Logan Circle will host tomorrow's performance.

While few hesitate to bust a new move behind closed doors, many have trouble mastering grace in front of an audience — let alone outdoors, with a partner, pirouetting in the heart of the city.

But tomorrow, "An Evening of Tango" will turn the Parkway's Swann Memorial Fountain into an impromptu stage as part of the Fairmount Park Art Association's free public art series.

The night, segmented into a lesson, social dancing session and closing competition, will feature judging and instruction from Philadelphia's top tango authorities, complete with live musical accompaniment courtesy of the Oscuro Quintet.

"The one thing that sets tango apart from other dances is the absence of a set physical rhythmic pattern," says Urban Tango instructor Marc Hussner. "It's 100 percent improvised dance, so it's much freer when it comes to the steps themselves."

Sound scary? It's not. Hussner advises tomorrow evening's attendees:

▶ **Elegant:** "Try to look as polished as possible. Put together an elegant outfit, including the shoes."

▶ **Effortless:** "Though people have a tendency to approach tango with a rigid and very straight back, tango is actually a really organic dance. Have a relaxed, natural look and posture. Tango is a walking dance, and you should look like you're walking down the park — don't carry tension."

▶ **Musical:** "Dance the music the way you want to — some are more drawn to the violin while others are more drawn to another instrument. It's always open to interpretation, so musicality is extremely important."

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Nintendo often gets pigeonholed as the "kiddy" company. The safe company. The company you can cuddle with all night long without getting steamy. Still, Nintendo isn't just Pikachus and lollipops. It can crank out true hardcore gaming experiences with the best of them. Why, here are two right now:

'Kid Icarus Uprising'

Console: 3DS
Company: Nintendo
Grade: ●●●●●

Back in the Reaganized '80s, Nintendo released "Kid Icarus "for the NES. Fans thought the surreal take on Greek mythology was going to be another mega franchise like Zelda or Mario. Those fans are now middle-aged and bereft of any real interests, but their dream finally came true. "Kid Icarus Uprising" is the true sequel people have waited 25 years for, and it's a doozy.

The game is an odd mix of ground-based exploration with sky-based shooting. Consider it the beautiful marriage of Super Smash Bros. and Starfox. The controls take some getting used to, but the game's 90 difficulty levels (really) and near unlimited customization options more than make up for it. Playing online is a blast, too.

▶ Kid Icarus makes his comeback.

'Xenoblade Chronicles'

Console: Wii
Company: Nintendo
Grade: ●●●●◍

Nintendo was all set to deny North America this dose of JRPG goodness until a fan campaign changed its mind. Now we can enjoy the fruits of their labor and dust off the old Wii for one last, grand adventure.

In many ways, this feels like the epic Final Fantasy title we didn't get this generation. There is a lush world that is open and ready to be explored. There is lots and lots of story and plenty of dialog. Also, for those hesitant to embrace the genre, there are no random battles and a brilliant real-time combat system. It feels like a JRPG made for Western audiences. Clear your schedule, though. It takes more than 60 hours to beat.

▶ "Xenoblade Chronicles" is a new Japanese role-play game.

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Today in medicine

Catheter-based heart valve surgery

Study subjects: 358 patients at 21 medical centers
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A study printed in the May edition of the New England Journal of Medicine shows that patients diagnosed with aortic stenosis (narrowing of the heart valves) who were too sick for open-heart surgery do better with catheter-based heart valve replacement than standard treatments, like drugs.
Significance: Catheter-based heart valve surgery is a minimally invasive treatment that was developed over the last decade and has given aortic stenosis sufferers (about 2 to 9 percent of U.S. adults 65 and older) an alternative to open-heart surgery.

Teens and sex ed

Study subjects: 4,691 men and women ages 15 to 24
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A Guttmacher Institute study, "Consequences of Sex Education on Teen and Young Adult Sexual Behaviors and Outcomes," found that teens who are given formal sex education before engaging in sexual practices exhibited healthier behaviors, like waiting to have sex and using birth control, than those not taught sex education.
Significance: The study indicates that thorough sex education taught before sexual activity is important for teens' healthy development and in preventing unwanted pregnancy and STDs.

Diabetic men at risk

Study subjects: 64,000 eligible subjects from the REACH registry, which tracks patients at a high risk for heart problems
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A Brigham and Women's Hospital study found that men without a history of cardiovascular disease who treated their type 2 diabetes with insulin were at higher risk for death, heart attack and stroke than men with a history of cardiovascular disease.
Significance: These figures indicate that as the number of patients with type 2 diabetes requiring insulin continues to increase, cardiovascular risk for otherwise heart-healthy patients may also rise.

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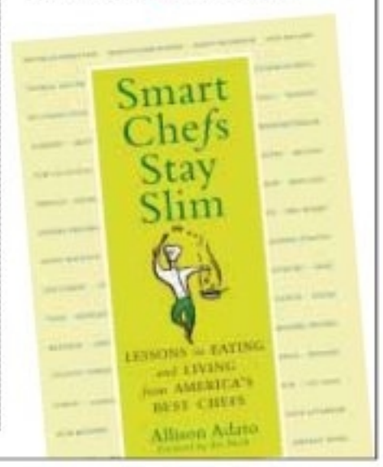
▶ A recent study shows that sex ed in the classroom leads to healthier behaviors in the bedroom.

Pro diet tips

Ever wonder how so many chefs make a career out of eating and still stay thin? Author Allison Adato did too. She reached out to big-name cooks like Marcus Samuelsson, Tom Colicchio and Jacques Torres (who makes chocolate for a living!) to learn their secrets for her book, "Smart Chefs Stay Slim." Among her findings: Cat Cora and Wolfgang Puck cook healthy meals for their kids (and then eat those same meals with them), and Eric Ripert has a bite of dark chocolate just about each day. Bonus: The book is peppered with recipes from the star chefs themselves. METRO/ME



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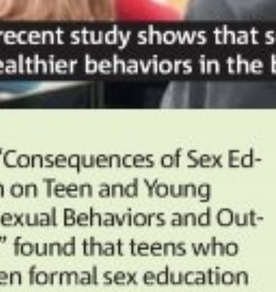

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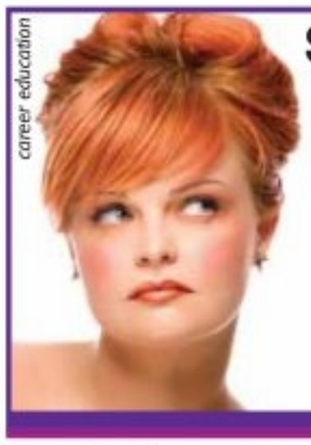

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Too much of a good thing? Very bad

RE: "CARBON DIOXIDE IS NECESSARY FOR ALL PLANT LIFE TO PRODUCE OXYGEN": According to Mr. Dupont, evidently, we should let coal plants just keep going — and hell, why not even let them burn more because plants use carbon dioxide to make oxygen? Well, Mr. Dupont, the human body needs water to survive, so I assume as well that you would like everyone to drink their body's weight in water every day. (FYI: This would result in death due to water toxicity.) Just because something is good and needed in certain amounts doesn't mean you can increase the amount 500-fold and not have negative consequences. I would also like to point out to Mr. Dupont that we also are still cutting down large amounts of the rain forest, which — as I am sure he knows being an expert on photosynthesis — is responsible for the majority of the carbon dioxide absorbtion in the world, resulting in lower and lower CO2-to-O2 conversion. So if you want to bash Obama then please feel free, all I ask is that you pick something true and don't twist it with insane and false logic into a horrible parody of a scientific fact to back up the disproved idea of fossil fuels being super awesome for Earth. **DOUG BROWN, VIA E-MAIL**

Joseph Dupont's third-grade understanding of science leads him to state that we needn't worry about carbon dioxide, since it's necessary for plant life to produce oxygen. Did you know that hydrochloric acid is necessary for us to digest food? Or that sulfur compounds are essential components of amino acids that allow us to live? Would we want these chemicals building up in large quantities in our atmosphere? No. **ALBERT FRENTE, PHILADELPHIA**

The need to further educate our populous in basic science/history is clearly shown in some of these Metro letters. **COLLIN TUKAY, VIA E-MAIL**

Joseph DuPont says carbon dioxide is needed for plant life to produce oxygen. True, but carbon monoxide is needed to be released by the oil and coal industries to reap obscene profits while polluting our environment. What a coincidence that Mr. DuPont shares his last name with a company that has a record as one of the worst polluters in history. **ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

On a wish and a prayer: Unhealthy

RE: "IT COMES DOWN TO FAITH: PRAYER WORKS": "There is no evidence that prayer does not help those who are ill." Is that seriously an argument, that something is true unless affirmatively disproved? Society is doomed. **MARY SMITH, VIA E-MAIL**

I've sore news: There actually is evidence that prayer does not help those who are ill. A major study found no medical benefits for those randomized to be included in prayers after heart surgery. Even if this finding was not the case, the human animal would do well to realize what prayer truly is — talking and wishing to oneself. Or, as in a group, talking and wishing among others. The mind is unique and transformative, no doubt, and we should take full, unabashed ownership of this fact. **STEVEN AHERN, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** There is an abundance of opportunities around you — but unless something in particular interests you, you're likely to ignore them all. Don't let this be a do-nothing day.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although you have an abundance of friends with whom to share the day, there is likely to be one ineffective acquaintance who will serve as a detractor. Don't let him or her spoil the fun.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you find yourself devoting too much time to trivial activities, put a stop to it as early in the day as you can. Once you get in gear, you can accomplish all your big objectives.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Even if your reasoning skills aren't as sharp as they usually are, you'll still be alert enough to get a reasonable amount done in a successful manner. It should be a decent day for you.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your chances for generating substantial material returns are excellent but, of course, it will be up to you to actually do so. Don't just talk a good game, jump in and play.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Others will verify that you're the one who is making a major contribution to a joint endeavor, yet you won't see it.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Trust your luck, because developments over which you seem to have little control will be the ones that shower you with the largest rewards.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Avail yourself of a new organization or club that will give you a chance to mingle and meet with a number of influential people. Some of these big shots could become your buddies.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** When it comes to career-related issues, don't hide your light under a bushel. If you believe that you have a constructive idea to contribute, make your concept known.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Whether or not you believe your social life is at a high point, there are some strong indicators that it is about to get even better. Someone fascinating and dynamic is about to enter the scene.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** A transformation that you've been wishing would take place is about to happen. It will not only benefit you, but your loved ones or a close buddy as well.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You might have a hard time believing it, but if you stand back a minute you would see that it is not only the other fella who is getting all the concessions — it's you, too. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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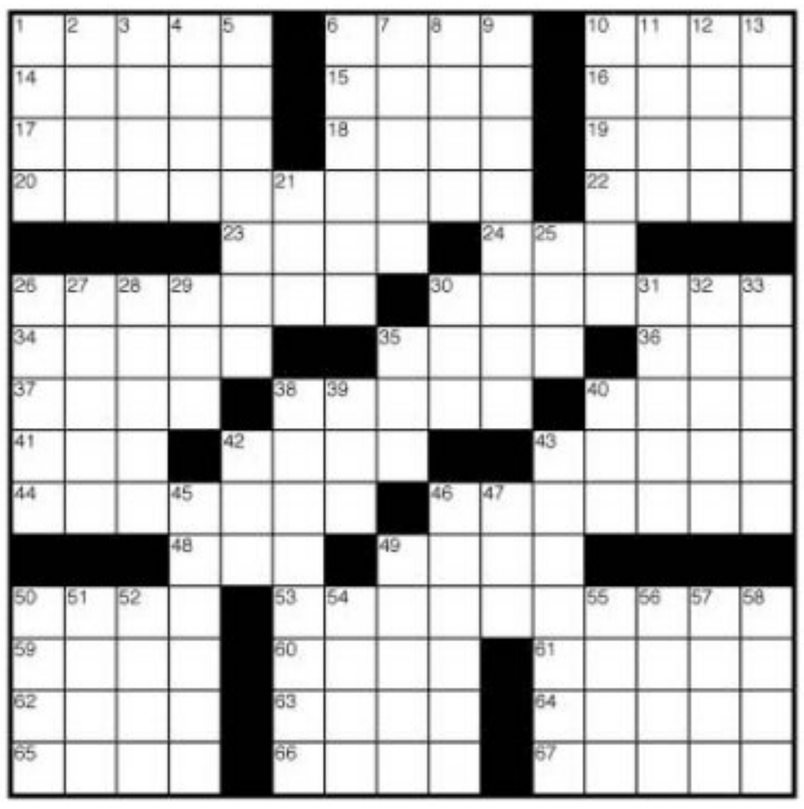

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Flyers can't solve Rangers, but don't blame Bryzgalov

Defense lets injured goaltender down · New York sweeps season series · Briere targets playoff return

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Bryzgalov stopped just 19-of-24 shots faced last night in a 5-3 loss to the Rangers. New York clinched the Atlantic title.

Don't blame Ilya Bryzgalov.

Returning from a chip fracture in his right foot, and still walking with a bit of a limp, the Flyers' goalie took a 5-3 loss last night to those pesky New York Rangers. He made 19 saves, but the final wasn't all his fault.

With the playoffs approaching, it looked like Bryzgalov's defense — not the goalie himself — could use a tuneup. The Russian was coming off a month where he was named the No. 1 star, had a 10-2-1 record, a 1.43 goals-against average and a .947 save percentage. After missing three games due to injury, Bryzgalov needed some work.

"You want to get him some reps and some games before the playoffs," Matt Carle said. "There's only so much you can do in practice to simulate a game atmosphere and obviously him getting that level of conditioning for a game."

The Rangers did just that, with five goals, three on the power play. Two of the goals came on rebounds where Bryzgalov made the initial save. Final result aside, the work for the 31-year-old netminder actually wasn't so bad.

"It's always good to be sharp going into the playoffs and you want to make sure he's battle-tested, I think," Braydon Coburn said. "When the playoffs roll around, it's a different animal."

The Flyers just hope that the Rangers aren't in the cards for them in the playoffs. With the win, the Rangers swept the season series, taking all six games from the Flyers.

"This team has had our number and it's been frustrating," Scott Hartnell said. "Good games, but we've been on the losing side of every one. We'll probably see them if he keep advancing."

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Briere: 'He was trying to hurt me'

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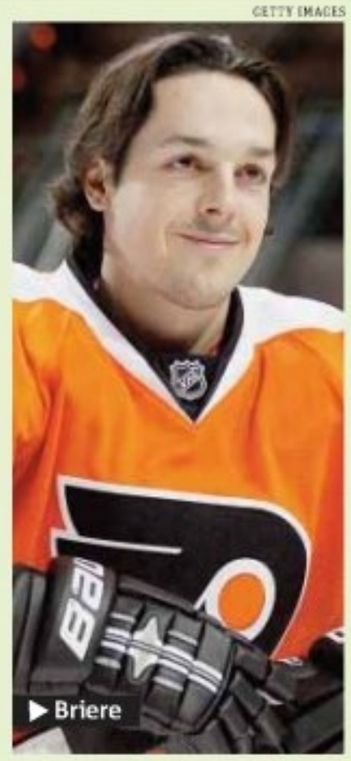

Briere

He popped right back up, but Danny Briere knew something wasn't right.

He got creamed by Pittsburgh's Joe Vitale in an open ice hit and hours later he had back spasms. Now, he knows he won't play again until the start of the playoffs — if that.

"It was a clean hit, but obviously he knew what he was doing," Briere said. "He was obviously trying to hurt me. We all know that."

The Flyers list Briere out indefinitely with an upper-back contusion. He knows the final two regular-season games are out of the question. At this point, he's only hoping he can come back for Game 1 of the playoffs, which will likely be against the Penguins.

"We're fortunate enough to be in the playoffs and that's what I'm concentrating on," Briere said. "I'm trying to do everything in my power to be ready. Hopefully Game 1, but if not, at some point in the playoffs."

Matt Read took Briere's place, centering a line with Brayden Schenn and Wayne Simmonds. DAVE ISAAC

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TaylorMade unleashed a huge hit with last year's R11, and this season's R11s, with three-way adjustability, promises even more distance. The white heads are now so common on Tour that the novelty is gone, and golfers have clearly bought into this modern look. For better players, the TP line offers some of the best shaft options out there.

3. Callaway RAZR Fit $399, www.callawaygolf.com
Callaway was an early adopter of adjustable clubs; the iMix system allowed golfers to easily swap shafts in and out. The second-generation adjustable driver, the RAZR Fit, allows fine tuning of the face angle and weighting. The classic head marries traditional looks with the latest technology.

4. Adams Fast12 $249.99, www.adamsgolf.com
The Velocity Slot on this fairway wood is designed to promote a trampoline-like effect to increase ball speed and provide more forgiveness throughout the face.

5. Odyssey Flip Face $350, www.odysseygolf.com
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6. Zero Restriction Tour Lite II $295 and up, www.zerorestriction.com
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7. Sun Mountain Sync $199, www.sunmountain.com
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8. Ecco Biom Hybrid $190, www.ecco.com
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Utley headed to Arizona as Phillies open the season

TOM BRIGLIA

▶ Utley greeted fans at the ballpark prior to Monday's game, but the injured All-Star will start the season on the DL.

The Phillies will travel to Pittsburgh on Thursday to open the 2012 regular season.

Chase Utley will not be there. He'll be in Arizona.

Utley will be one of five Phillies players beginning the season on the disabled list, along with pitchers Justin DeFratus and Jose Contreras, infielder-utility player Michael Martinez and first baseman Ryan Howard.

Utley will keep rehabbing his knees with physical therapist Brett Fischer in Arizona.

"We're looking forward to getting him back as soon as he starts to feel better," Phils GM Ruben Amaro Jr. said before last night's exhibition game against the Pirates. "He's progressing well in his workout program, so he's going to go out there and start on that."

Amaro won't put a timetable on his All-Star second baseman. Utley hasn't done any baseball-related activity since early spring due to his chondromalacia.

"I'm not sure quite how long he's going to be there, but it's kind of more intensive one-on-one work," Amaro said. ANDY JASNER

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Is there any room in the bullpen for Savery?

- Former first-round pick trying to make Phils roster
- Showed flashes this spring
- Sandberg endorses

The difference between Dontrelle Willis and Joe Savery's lockers was only five feet this spring. But their neighborhoods were as different as downtown and suburbia.

The Willis zone was raucous. "Don't they know who I am," Willis screeched to his close pal, Juan Pierre. "I'm Dontrelle Willis."

Savery sat quietly in his chair working on a crossword puzzle. The Phillies may or may not carry a second lefthander in the bullpen.

Willis was cut after posting a 16.87 ERA in three appearances. But Savery posted a respectable 1-1 record with a 3.48 ERA in seven games.

"I just want to do the best I can," Savery said. "I'm just glad to be here but I would love to make the team."

If Savery does (the Phils' roster wasn't finalized at press time), it would make for a fabulous story. The former star at Rice University, was the Phillies' first round pick 2007.

However, Savery failed as a starter. After his velocity dropped in the 2010 season, the Phils tried the Rick Ankiel approach and turned their athletic pitcher into a hitter.

He had to go all the way back to Single-A in Clearwater to focus on playing first base. Savery hit .307 with 25 RBIs in 54 games. Thanks to a 23-inning game, Savery had the chance to pitch in relief and his arm was as good as his bat.

Savery advanced to Triple-A Lehigh where he continued to impress. He went 4-0 with a 1.80 ERA before he was called up in September.

"It was a roller coaster ride of a season," Savery said.

That included pinch-hitting. Savery was Ryne Sandberg's first bat off the bench.

"If we needed a pinch-hitter in the fourth or fifth inning, I went with Joe," Sandberg said. "I was impressed with him as a hitter, as a pitcher and as a person. I believe this is a guy that has a future [in the big leagues]."

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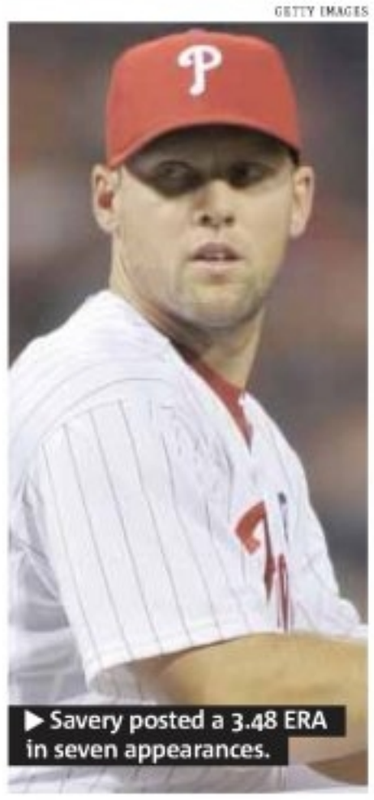

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North Shore Beach Club jumps

The former Arrow Swim Club is getting ready to reopen with lower membership fees and a South Beach vibe Why neighbors are hoping this summer is different than last

Brian Nagele, of Philly2night.com and the Piazza restaurant Kings Oak, is putting the finishing touches on his new North Shore Beach Club, a 21-plus pool-bar combo taking the place of the defunct Arrow Swim Club in Northern Liberties. The revamped members-only swim club and an adjacent restaurant open to the public, the Cuban-themed Havana Room, are slated to open the first week of May.

The pool area is getting a cosmetic upgrade with a luxurious South Beach vibe. "I want it to feel like an escape from city living," says Nagele.

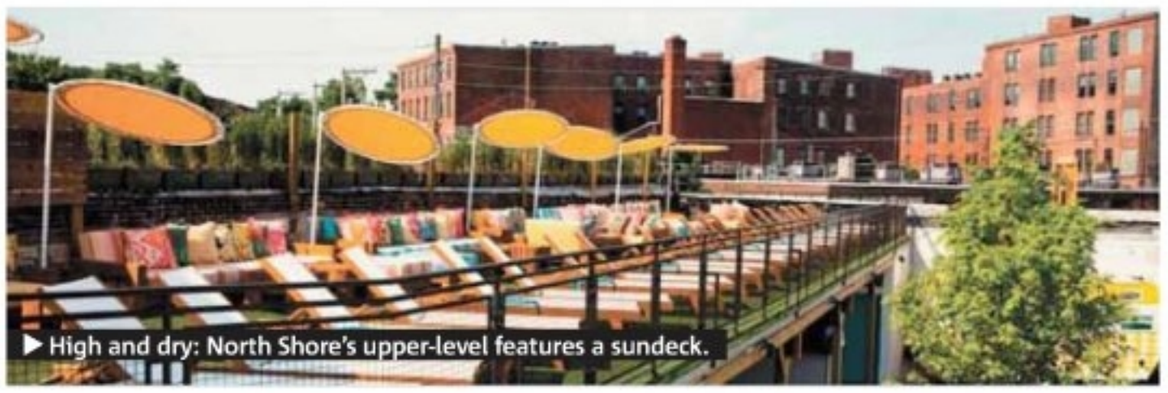
Meanwhile, some NoLibs neighbors are hoping it won't be such an escape that pool-goers forget they're in a residential area.

"We had so many headaches with the place," says Matt Ruben, president of the Northern Liberties Neighbors Association, referring to Arrow Swim Club last summer. The problem, Ruben says, was that with the $1,000 membership fee and the no-kids policy, Arrow could not attract enough members, so it started throwing parties open to the public.

"People who were never going to be members coming in for a $10 all-you-can-drink party are not going to care about the impact to the surrounding neighborhood," he says. "And if you bought a membership and all of the sudden every weekend there's a bunch of young people running around, throwing up outside — that's bad for members and for the neighborhood."

Nagele is hoping to avoid that scenario. He slashed the price to $500, overhauled the sound system to combat the noise issue and is promising no wild parties.

"Last year some events brought in people who maybe didn't care about the reputation of the pool," Nagele says. "We're definitely going to have events for our members, like a luau, maybe bring in some special entertainment, but the crazy drunken fests — we're not doing that."



▶ High and dry: North Shore's upper-level features a sundeck.

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Get in line

About 500 members have already signed up, with a majority coming from the immediate area, Nagele says. Newcomers will go on a waiting list. "I'm not sure if 500 is enough, or too much," he says. "We'll see how it goes the first week or two."

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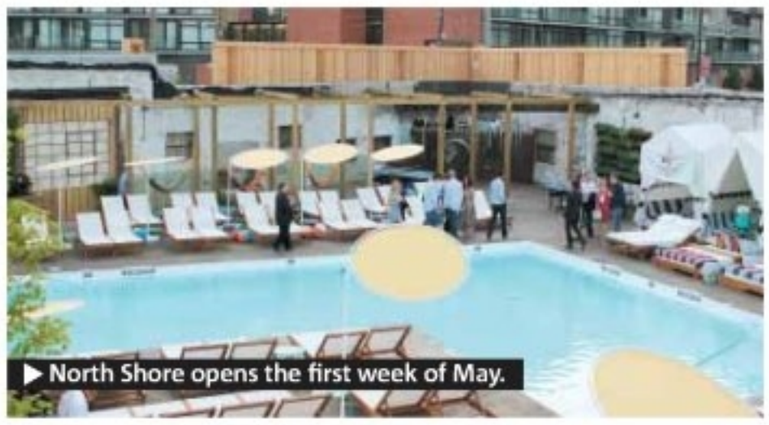
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